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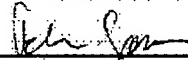
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**Statement Establishing Unintentional Delay**

Sir:

Applicants' undersigned representative first became aware of the present case on March 17, 2004 by e-mail correspondence from Applicants' European agent (Mr. Franck Gabriel). Mr. Gabriel requested that the undersigned file a continuation application in this case. Upon review of the materials provided by the European agent, the undersigned noticed that the six-months period for reply appeared to have expired. The undersigned inquired with a docketing clerk (Mrs. Mary Thompson) employed by Applicants' U.S. affiliate company as what the company patent docketing system revealed as to due dates. Mrs. Thompson informed the undersigned that a due date of March 30th had been assigned for response to the present office action. On a scanned copy of the Advisory

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Action issued by the Examiner on December 30th, 2003 and provided to the undersigned by Mr. Gabriel (the European agent), the undersigned has noticed that someone has scribbled faintly (perhaps in pencil) "30-3 2004" and has circled the words "3 months" in the phrase "The period of reply expires three months from the mailing date of the final rejection". Applicants posit that the mistaken docketing of the due date for response and these scribbles indicate a misunderstanding by the person making the docket entry as to from which date the three months period for response starts running.

Naturally, on these facts, Mr. Gabriel could reasonably have thought that the continuation would have been timely if filed before March 30th, 2003. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing establishes that the delay beyond the period for response was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,



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